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## HOUSE RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_

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*Introduced by: Murphy*

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A RESOLUTION urging that the Commission on Courts be assigned the task of studying the establishment and implementation of a consistent statewide merit selection and retention system for Superior Court judges.

*Whereas, Currently there are numerous systems used to select Superior Court judges throughout Indiana;*

*Whereas, Under a merit selection and retention system, a nominating commission would choose applicants based on their qualifications and not on political or social connections;*

*Whereas, The establishment of a statewide merit selection and retention system for Superior Court judges would remove the fundraising and campaigning that mar judicial elections*

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*and could provide more qualified and diversified candidates:  
Therefore,*

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the  
General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1           SECTION 1. That the legislative council is urged to assign to the  
2 Commission on Courts the task of studying the feasibility of  
3 establishing and implementing a consistent statewide merit selection  
4 and retention system for Superior Court judges.

5           SECTION 2. That the Commission on Courts shall operate under  
6 the direction of the legislative council and shall issue a final report  
7 when directed to do so by the council.

